



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/726,903	11/29/2000	Pooi See Lee	CHAR.P0003	3317

23349 7590 05/13/2003
STATTLER JOHANSEN & ADELI
P O BOX 51860
PALO ALTO, CA 94303

EXAMINER

GARCIA, JOANNIE A

ART UNIT PAPER NUMBER

2823

DATE MAILED: 05/13/2003

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Patent and Trademark Office

Address: COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
Washington, D.C. 20231

09/726903

gsm

SERIAL NUMBER	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.
09/726,903			

EXAMINER	
Joannie Garcia	
ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
2823	10

DATE MAILED:

Please find below a communication from the EXAMINER in charge of the application.

Commissioner of Patents.

The reply filed on 02-19-03 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the amendment fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.121. For example, in claim 1, line 1, deletion of "salicidation" after "A method of nickel", and insertion of "silicidation" before "comprising" were not properly indicated. In claim 1, lines 6-7, insertion of "after incorporating nitrogen not said processed substrate" after "depositing nickel onto said processed substrate" was not properly indicated. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group Receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956. See MPEP 203.08.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to examiner J. Garcia whose telephone number is (703) 306-5733. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Olik Chaudhuri can be reached on (703) 306-2794. The fax number for this group is (703) 308-7722 (and 7724), and (703) 305-3431 (and 3432). MPEP 502.01 contains instructions regarding procedures used in submitting responses by facsimile transmission.

JAG

May 6, 2003

George Fourson
Primary Examiner
Art Unit 2823